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October 8, 1919.

President Robert H. Falconer,

Toronto University,

Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

The local chapter of the society of Phi Kappa Phi desires me to extend to you an invitation to deliver an address at the mid-winter meeting which is held early in February. I understand that my predecessor, Dean Hugh P. Baker of the College of Forestry, corresponded with you last year in this connection. At any rate, he communicated to me the action of the Executive Committee in determining upon this invitation, and expressed the hope that I would renew the attempt to have you come as our guest and speaker.

The society of Phi Kappa Phi is of the nature of Phi Beta Kappa, except that elections are open to qualified candidates from all of the colleges of the University, and its broad democracy of scholarship has met with a warm reception in this institution. We have a large local organization and a very vigorous chapter indeed. I believe that the cordiality of your reception would be a pleasing experience to you. Certainly, we should regard ourselves as highly honored if you would consent to give us a date early in February which we could agree upon.

Traveling expenses are, of course, met by the society and it has beenthe custom to extend also an honarium.

This mid-winter meeting has been held always near the beginning of the second semester, the date of which this session will be January 29. Therefore, a fitting date for our meting would be February 2.

Will you kindly let me know at your convenience whether you can accept the invitation and whether the date or one very near it will be acceptable?

Very truly yours,

William L. Bray.

President, Phi Kappa Phi.

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October 15th, 1919

Professor H. L. Gray,
Department of Botany,
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Gray:

I have to thank you for your kindness in asking me to deliver an address to the Local Chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi Society of Syracuse University next February. I think that I could go in the week beginning February 2nd, though Tuesday, February 3rd would suit me better than Monday, February 2nd.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 24, 1919.

President Robert A. Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Ontario.

Dear President Falconer:

Members of the Executive Committee of the Society of Phi Kappa Phi of Syraduse University are much gratified to learn through your letter of October 15 that you could address the Society on the evening of February 3rd, 1920. We shall, therefore, designate that date for our mid-winter meeting. This is an occasion of a banquet, and of the initiation thru a brief ceremony of new members, followed by the address, which is , of course, the main event of the evening.

If pressure of circumstances should make it more convenient for you to come in the following week, we could make the date of meeting suit your convenience.

Before the date of your coming, I shall be glad to send you a brief statement as to the history and purposes of the local chapter at Syracuse University.

Yours sincerely,

William L. Bray.

President, Phi Kappa Phi.

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November 22, 1919.

President Robert H. Falconer,

Toronto University,

Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

In my letter of October 8, inviting you to address the society of Phi Kappa Phi at its mid-winter meeting on February 3 next, I stated that " traveling expenses are of course met by the society and it has been the custom to extend also an honorarium."

I am chagrined to learn from the treasurer's report submitted November 17, that as the result of the laudable custom of paying an honorarium, the society incurred a deficit, which, carried over to the present year, so curtails our resources as to necessitate the statement that the offer of an honorarium to our speaker guests will , contrary to our wishes, need to be discontinued.

While not assuming that the reference to an honorarium in my letter figured in any way whatever in determining your generous acceptance of our invitation, I feel obliged, though much humiliated, to inform you as to our financial embarrassment.

We earnestly hope that you will allow the engagement to stand though at the same time feeling that we are entitled to no such generous treatment, nor warranted in asking the sacrifice your journey to Syracuse entails.

Very truly yours,

William L Bray.

President, Phi Kappa Phi.

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November 26th, 1919

Professor William L. Bray,
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Professor Bray:

I had not any expectation of an honorarium for the address that I hope to be able to give to the Phi Kappa Phi next February, so please do not worry in the slightest owing to the change in your plans in that regard. The honorarium would make no difference to my visit at all.

Yours sincerely,

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January 10, 1920.

President Robert A. Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Canada.

Dear President Falconer:

We are proceeding with arrangements for your address before Phi Kappa Phi on the evening of February 3, and ① wish to assure myself that your plans will permit you to be present as intended. It would be of service to us if we could be able to announce the exact title of your address.

Very sincerely yours,

William L. Bray.

President of Phi Kappa Phi.

WLB:H

January 13th, 1920

Professor H. L. Bray,
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Bray:

I am looking forward to going to Syracuse for February 3rd. I suppose that if I were to make connections at Buffalo with the Empire State Express which used to leave at one I should arrive at Syracuse in time ? Otherwise I am afraid that I should have to get off at Syracuse in the middle of the night. Would you be good enough to let me know how the connections are at your end ?

I think that I will take as my subject "The influence of the War on Intellectual Development".

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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January 14, 1920.

President Robert A. Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Canada.

Dear President Falconer:

New York Central train No. 50 leaves Buffalo at one o'clock in the afternoon, reaching Syracuse at 3:57. This connection gets you in Syracuse in ample time. Some of us will attempt to meet you, but if we should fail in this, please take a taxi to the Onondaga Hotel where a room will be in reservation for you.

I am particularly glad to know that the subject of your address is to be the "Influence of the War on Intellectual Development." That is a matter, of course, of the keenest concern just now amongst us.

Looking forward with pleasure to your visit, I am

Very sincerely yours,

William L. Bray

President, Phi Kappa Phi.

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January 16th, 1920

Professor R. L. Bray,
University of Syracuse.
Dear Professor Bray:

Many thanks for your letter. I am inclined to think that in winter weather such as may prevail in the beginning of February the risk of my not making connection at Buffalo with New York Central Train No 50 is too great for me to take. I think therefore that it will be necessary for me to leave Toronto by the five o'clock train in the afternoon before. That would take me into Syracuse I think somewhere about two in the morning. If there is a room kept for me at the Hotel I would go straight to it. Dean and Mrs. Metzler have asked me to be their guest, but I should not think of intruding upon them at that hour on the morning. This seems to me to be the most satisfactory arrangement.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Syracuse, N. Y.

January 24, 1920.

President Robert A. Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronton, Canada.

Dear Professor Falconer:

You will note from the enclosed that a room has been engaged for you the night of Monday February 2nd, and of course , later if you desire to stay there. I understand from Professor Metzler, however, that on Tuesday you are expected as his guest. Whatever arrangement is made inthis connection will be, of course,satisfactory to us.

I shallask the Secretary to send you the form of announcement of this meeting which is being mailed to members. We are considering the desirability of having an open meeting for the address. The place of meeting is very conveniently arranged with regard to this, the auditorium being just across the corridors from the dining room. I hope this plan meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Bray,

President, Phi Kappa Phi.

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January 28,1920.

President Sir Robert A. Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

There is a general wish amongst members of Phi Kappa Phi that in announcing your lecture of February 3, we might make use of certain personal data (which I understand Professor Metzler can furnish) and your photograph which we shall be very glad to have, if you will consent to its being used in a local newspaper connection, and perhaps in connection with the college paper. If you consent to have us do this, it would be desirable to have the photograph in hand by Saturday, and at the latest early Monday morning.

I have just had conversation with Professor Metzler who understands that on Tuesday you will become his guest.

Very sincerely yours,

William L. Bray.

President, Phi Kappa Phi.

WLBPH

January 30th, 1920

Professor William L. Bray,
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Professor Bray:

I am sending you a photograph which I hope will meet your needs. I should like to have it back when you are through with it.

I expect to leave here on Monday afternoon and to arrive in Syracuse about 1 a.m. Tuesday and will go straight to the hotel. In the morning perhaps Professor Metzler could come to see me and I would go then to his house.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

February 2nd, 1920

Professor R. L. Bray,
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

To-day I have sent you the following telegram signed by the President:

"Regret exceedingly on account of influenza am unable to come. Please let Professor Metzler know?"

The President is very sorry that he is laid up and unable to leave for Syracuse this afternoon. He had all preparations made, but this morning his physician has given orders that he is not to be allowed out for some days. It is evidently influenza, as it is already in their house. It is too bad that your meeting will be inconvenienced and I hope another speaker may be obtained. No one feels more regret than the President I am sure.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

February 6th, 1920

Professor H. L. Gray,
Syracuse University.

Dear Professor Gray:

It was with the utmost regret that I had to telegraph cancelling my engagement, but I had been fighting off a cold since Friday to no purpose, as on Sunday night I could hardly speak, and on Monday the Doctor forbad my travelling. I have been confined to the house ever since, though I am much better.

I would apologise were it not that the events were beyond my ordering. I hope that you were able to make other satisfactory arrangements for your dinner.

Yours sincerely,

President.